



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
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CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

SR-6J

December 6, 2012

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL

Weyerhaeuser Company
Attention: Richard Gay
810 Whittington Ave.
Hot Springs, AR 71902

Re: Plainwell Mill, Operable Unit #7, Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site – Approval of Revised Summary of Additional Remedial Investigation Activities PCB-Impacted Soil in the Area of MW-16 dated November 16, 2012

Dear Mr. Gay:

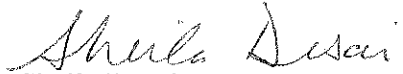
Pursuant to the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit #4 and the Plainwell Inc. Mill Property of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Site), Conestoga-Rovers & Associates, Inc. (CRA), Weyerhaeuser Company's (Weyerhaeuser) environmental consultant, conducted additional activities at the Site to address potential data gaps including the delineation of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) impacts identified in soil in the vicinity of MW-16 during the RI.

The additional RI activities were conducted on the northeastern portion of the Site in redevelopment area Commercial Area 4, in the vicinity of monitoring well MW-16, and were summarized in a memorandum, *Summary of Additional Remedial Investigation Activities, PCB-Impacted Soil in the Area of MW-16, Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan*, submitted by CRA to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on June 22, 2012. CRA submitted a revised memorandum, *Revised Summary of Additional Remedial Investigation Activities, PCB-Impacted Soil in the Area of MW-16, Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan*, with a cover letter that included a response to EPA comments on September 7, 2012. In response to the revised memorandum, EPA submitted comments on October 16, 2012 and CRA submitted a subsequent revised memorandum with a response to EPA's comments on November 16, 2012.

After reviewing the November 16, 2012 submittal and response to comments, EPA approves the memorandum for *Revised Summary of Additional Remedial Investigation Activities, PCB-Impacted Soil in the Area of MW-16, Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan* dated November 16, 2012.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact me at (312) 353-4150 or via email at desai.sheila@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sheila Desai".

Sheila Desai
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